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Airport Expansion Program Takes Off

After years of planning, construction began during September 2005 on the Airport Expansion Program with the start of utility relocation and demolition of hangars to make room for replacement of aircraft parking apron.

The Airport Expansion Program includes construction of a new Terminal B to replace the obsolete Terminal Two, Terminal C to add additional gate capacity as passenger traffic grows, and a new

five-story, 3,000-space parking garage. Structural work on the new Terminal B and parking garage is projected to start in 2006 with substantial completion in 2008. The Program also includes extension of the current two-tier roadway system in front of Terminal One to provide access to the new terminal facilities. Roadway construction is also projected through 2008. Once the work on Terminal B is completed, Terminal One will become Terminal A.

Utility Relocation

On August 25, 2005, City Council awarded a contract to Jerdon Enterprise L.P. in the amount of \$5.6 million

to provide utility relocation for the new Terminal B. This essential pre-terminal construction work involves relocating existing underground utilities to a new utility corridor along Airport Boulevard. Also, included in this work is the installation of temporary utilities necessary to maintain Terminals One and Two during the construction phase of Terminal B. As a result of the on-going roadway work, there will be lane closures and traffic detours along Airport Boulevard starting from Terminal One to the South Terminal Road intersection. Airport Police personnel will be available to direct traffic and alleviate congestion. This project is funded by 2005 Airport Passenger Facility Charge Bonds and the Airport Capital Improvement Fund, which consists of Airport-generated monies.



The Airport Expansion Program is beginning with relocating underground utilities.

Replacement Aircraft Parking Apron

Terminal B is programmed for site location on the existing aircraft parking apron located between Terminals One and Two. These parking positions next to the terminal are used by air carriers for the overnight parking and staging of aircraft.

On August 25, 2005, City Council awarded a contract to Yantis Company in the amount of \$7.2 million for construction of the new overnight parking apron in an area south of Terminal One. At the site of the replacement apron project, several aircraft hangars are currently in the process of being removed as an initial step before construction on the new apron begins. This project is funded by the Passenger Facility Charge Capital Improvement Fund and Federal Aviation Administration grants.



The site of hangar demolition and new overnight parking apron.



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Delta Gives San Antonio Its First Non-Stop Flight to New York City



Continuing to expand in the San Antonio market during 2005, Delta Airlines' Connection carrier Shuttle America began offering daily non-stop service from San Antonio to New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport on October 15th. The new service will

feature the next-generation, 70-seat Embraer 170 aircraft with first class and economy seating. Leaving San Antonio at 1:15 p.m. Central Time, the flight will arrive in New York at 6:10 p.m. Eastern Time. Flight 6439 will depart JFK Airport at 9:20 a.m. Eastern Time and arrive in San Antonio at 12:45 p.m. Central Time.

"Business customers and leisure travelers alike will appreciate this great new access between San Antonio and this very important commercial market," said Interim Aviation Director Roland Lozano. "We are grateful for Delta's continued expansion during 2005, which began when Delta reinstated three daily non-stop flights to its Salt Lake City, Utah hub in January and started new non-stop flights to Orlando, Florida on June 1st."

San Antonio also enjoys non-stop service to Delta's Atlanta and Cincinnati hubs. For more information on destinations and flight schedules log on to www.delta.com.

American Starts New Daily SAT-LAX Service

On October 30, 2005 American Airlines launched new non-stop service between San Antonio and Los Angeles. Flight 2493 will depart San Antonio at 7:40 a.m. Central Time and arrive in Los Angeles at 8:45 a.m. Pacific Time. Flight 2794 will depart Los Angeles at 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time and arrive back in San Antonio at 2:21 p.m. Central Time.

"The new service will provide a convenient new way to travel for business or leisure between San Antonio and Los Angeles. This route opens the door for our customers in San Antonio to a large number of connecting cities through LAX, including some great destinations like Hawaii and Tokyo," American Airlines' Senior Vice President of Planning Henry Joyner says.

American and American Connection now offer non-stop flights from San Antonio to Chicago O'Hare, IL; Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX; St Louis, MO; and Los Angeles, CA with 23 convenient daily departures. The new service can be booked through www.aa.com and affiliated travel agencies.



M7 Aerospace Gets Big ART 72 Refit Contract

San Antonio International Airport-based M7 Aerospace has won FAA approval to convert ART 72 turboprop passenger planes into cargo planes for freight carrier Federal Express. The conversion of each plane includes removing the old interior, strengthening the floor and adding a smoke detection system, according to spokesman Mike Potts. "There are 700 of those planes out there, and we expect that we'll get to convert about 10 to 15 percent of them," he said. "It's a significant transaction."

According to M7 officials, the additional work could mean tens of millions in additional revenue. Officials had said they

expect to end the year with \$120 million in sales. The company will do the work at San Antonio International Airport, where it has 350 employees. It has 600 workers nationwide.

M7 formed in 2002 when it bought the assets of bankrupt U.S.-German Fairchild Aircraft. M7 already has FAA authorization to convert smaller ART 42 turboprops from passenger to cargo planes. It has done 30 such conversions for Federal Express. The company also does repairs and maintains government aircraft, manufactures airplane parts and does logistics work.



United Begins Flights to Washington DC

Beginning October 31st, United Express offers San Antonio travelers non-stop flights to Washington, DC – Dulles International Airport and an additional daily roundtrip between San Antonio and Los Angeles. United Express partner Mesa Airlines, using CRJ-700 aircraft, will operate the Washington, DC-San Antonio roundtrip service. United Express partner Skywest, also on the CRJ-700 aircraft, will operate the San Antonio-Los Angeles service. The “explus” brand of United Express offers United First and Economy Plus seating in addition to United Economy. The service also features premium snack boxes for United First customers on select flights, full-sized leather seats throughout, large overhead bins and spacious cabins.

“With our recent launch of explus, we’re already hearing great feedback on it from our customers. We are pleased now to expand this regional jet service – as well as other United Express service,” said Sean Donohue, Vice President-Operations Services, United Express and Ted. “Our customers want a more comfortable travel experience and more routes. This latest expansion further reinforces United’s commitment to provide quality and comfort to our customers.”



▲ City Manager J. Rolando Bono welcomes United’s new DC service at the October 31st Inaugural Ceremony.



On April 3, 2005, United started serving San Antonio-San Francisco and San Antonio-Los Angeles. This latest service to Washington Dulles now rounds out San Antonio’s access to all five of United’s hub airports and provides more options for worldwide connectivity. United Airlines operates more than 3,400 flights a day on United, United Express and Ted to more than 200 U.S. domestic and international destinations from its hubs in Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco, CA; Denver, CO; Chicago, IL; and Washington, DC. With key global air rights in the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and Latin America, United is one of the largest international carriers based in the United States. Flights on United can be booked through www.united.com.

▲ Attending the October 31st inaugural were United’s (L to R): District Sales Manager Joe Bauml, Regional Manager John Aynes, Account Manager Terry Hirsch, General Manager Barbara Lytle-Grimes and Senior Planning Analyst Martin Kammerman.

Southwest’s New Non-Stop Makes the Windy City a Breeze

Getting to windy city Chicago via Midway Airport got easier on October 2nd with Southwest’s start of new non-stop flights leaving San Antonio at 9:20 a.m. and arriving at 11:10 a.m.

“Our flight schedule has undergone a restructuring as a result of our flight reduction in New Orleans,” Southwest CEO Gary Kelly says. “Available aircraft time allowed us to meet customer demand in other cities sooner than anticipated.”

Southwest Airlines now provides San Antonio travelers non-stop service on 46 daily departures to 12 destinations including: Chicago, IL; Houston, TX; El Paso, TX; Dallas, TX; Phoenix, AZ; Nashville, TN; Harlingen, TX; Las Vegas, NV; Baltimore, MD; Orlando, FL; Los Angeles, CA; and Tampa, FL. Check out this new service to Chicago Midway Airport and other flight schedules at www.southwest.com.



SAN ANTONIO CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

During the fourth quarter of 2005, the City of San Antonio will host more than 185 conventions with over 96,970 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:

DATES	ORGANIZATIONS	DELEGATES
October 8-12	Assoc. for Financial Professionals	7,000
October 17-22	National Recreation & Park Assoc.	8,000
October 18-20	Heineken United States of America	1,500
October 27-29	Industrial Fabrics Association International	6,000
November 1-5	Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented	5,000
November 7-10	Assoc. of Homes & Services for the Aging	5,500
November 10-12	Southern Medial Association	4,000
November 25-27	Tx. Dist. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	2,500
December 3-6	American Association for Respiratory Care	6,000
December 8-11	San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium	6,000
December 12-17	National Collegiate Athletic Association	5,000

SAT YEAR-TO-DATE STATS

	Through June '04	Through June '05	Change
Domestic Enplanements	1,679,697	1,776,421	5.76%
International Enplanements	42,160	42,140	-0.05%
Charter Enplanements	16,889	11,417	-32.3%
Total Enplanements	1,746,037	1,833,111	4.98%
Total Freight (lbs)	94,418,372	90,853,403	-3.78%
Total Mail (lbs)	38,324,251	37,484,597	-2.19%



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